

Big Sky Rotary News



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Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter
August 2017

Joe Bear's Broadcasts

A Message from District Governor Joe McBride

Events

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Waterton Park
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Sep 29, 2017 – Oct 01, 2017

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Four Seasons Arena
Oct 27, 2017
5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

[PETS 2018](#)

Renaissance Stapleton Hotel
Mar 02, 2018 8:00 AM
–
Mar 04, 2018 11:45 PM

[District Conference 2018](#)

Fairmont Hot Springs
Apr 27, 2018 – Apr 28, 2018

We completed our District Assembly in Butte on August 5th. Thanks to the organizers and attendees, it was very successful.

Gold Stars will be awarded to Marshall Gingrich, Patrick Platenberg, Carl Prinzing, George Girard, Rick Moore, Arlene Weber, and Robbie Mathiason. Two Gold stars are also being awarded to Sue Carstens, Lori Cummings, Mike Mayott, Shawna Seecker and Sandy Wong. All the above worked hard to make the assembly educational, informative and entertaining.



*Joe McBride
District Governor
2017–2018
Rotary Club of Butte*

Over the next six months, I will visit all of your clubs. If you want me to do anything special, please inform me. For example, some clubs have asked me to present Paul Harris Awards.

I've become interested in a Rotary program called STRIVE, which I will be discussing during my visits. STRIVE stands for Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education. It focuses on high school seniors who have faced some academic challenges but want to make the most of their last year of high school. You can learn more by using Google to obtain more information.

I have been reading a book about many of the great explorers. The author lists the common traits they possessed: curiosity, hope, passion, courage, independence, self-discipline, and perseverance. It is striking to me that Rotary and Rotarians also tend to have these traits. All of you are part of Rotary's exploration of engaging in service above self, using the 4-way test as our compass.

Thank you all that you have accomplished and all that you are doing.

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Rotary Club News

Great Falls Partners for *Service above Self*

Great Falls chooses one community initiative each month as its community service project. The August project was assisting United Way of Cascade County with its Stuff the Bus event. United Way partners with Rotary, Davidson Companies, Scheels, and other community organizations to help needy students get supplies for the coming school year.

With over 340 homeless students and a significant percentage of students living in poverty in Great Falls, this initiative meets a well-identified community need. On August 10, a school bus was parked in the parking lots at Walmart and Target, and Rotarians handed shoppers short lists suggestion school supplies and hygiene products students might need. Other volunteers tallied the supplies, sorted them, and distributed them to boxes on the bus labeled for pens, markers, notebooks, etc.

Over 2000 community members donated supplies in at least one of the three locations. It's a very fulfilling project – so much so that some Rotarians, like Great Falls Rotarian Shannon Hoiland, shared the experience with her their children. Example is, after all, the best teacher.



Polson Club Raises Nearly \$30,000

Rotary Club of Polson raised nearly \$30,000 at its annual Festival For Youth Chili Cook-Off this month. While kids of all ages enjoyed free music, games, and face-painting, the cook-off raised funds through chili “taster kits” and raffles of cash, wine, beef, a flight-seeing tour and season passes to the local golf course.



Although the club is still counting the pennies, his year looks like a record-breaker. Local Rotarians and the community of Polson came together to raise significant funding for the Mission Valley Aquatic Center, the Boy Scouts, and Linderman Elementary School Summer Mentoring Program.

Butte Club Remembers Fallen Rotarian in Fund-raiser

On July 22, 46 people ranging in age from 3 years to over 80 years participated in Rotary Club of Butte’s *Rink to Ridge Run For Rotary* to raise funds for Rotary’s community projects. The event was held in memory of Floyd Bossard, a 37-year member of the Butte club, who passed away May 19, 2017. Floyd’s wife, Margaret, was present, along with seven members of the Bossard Family.

Rotary Club of Butte was assisted in the event by sponsors Anderson ZurMuehlen, Communication Matters and First Citizens Bank of Butte. “We are grateful for all those who honored Floyd Bossard and helped Rotary help the Butte community,” commented Rotary member Mary Lou Spath.



The Bossard Family

The overall winners in the 5 mile run/walk, which featured a portion of the race on the trails at Maud S Canyon, were Susan Kaluza (42:14:45) and Don Foley (32:34:94). The overall winners of the 1 mile run/walk were Gail Barney (19:09:00) and Chase Choquette (7:32:02). The oldest participant in the 80+ age group was George Parrett. The youngest participant was 3 year old Mason Choquette.



Mason Choquette
Youngest Participant



George Parrett
Oldest Participant

Glendive Engages in “He-Shed/She-Shed” Project

Members of the Glendive Rotary Club found they had recyclable construction items and skills they didn't know they had through building a playhouse out of leftover remodel projects: 2x4s, siding, windows, shingles, electrical outlets, flooring and paint.

“Don't ask for the pattern because plans changed, making it taller with no porch but more room inside,” Rotarian Peggy Iba reported. “It could be a he-shed or she-shed instead of for kids, but it was a fun Rotary activity with only one ER visit!”

After debating how to sell the finished project, the club settled on selling it by auction before the rodeo at the Dawson County Fair, raising \$950 for a project that cost them nothing but time – and a lot of laughter.

Amazing Things Happen When Rotarians Get Together

Mark Rohweder enjoys a good brew fest. As Club Service Chair for the Rotary Club of Kalispell, he put together an energetic team from Kalispell Daybreak and Noon clubs, creating the first ever Great Bear Festival on August 5. Great Bear was a win on many levels.

- **Volunteer Engagement and Club Collaboration:** Over 200 Rotarians and their friends and families from Kalispell Daybreak, Kalispell Noon, Bigfork, Evergreen and Whitefish Clubs came together to make this happen. They planned, trained and executed as a collaborative group.
- **Public Relations: Exposure!** The Rotary brand was on the extensive array of printed media as well as many recorded and live media spots. Volunteers at the event were happy to answer the question, "What is Rotary?" Many people were introduced to Rotary that day, including that crucial young professional demographic.
- **Celebrating August as Membership and New Club Development Month:** We used the Great Bear Festival to showcase our local clubs and membership in Rotary. A tent dedicated to Rotary membership had information on all the Flat-head clubs, a fun Rotary bag toss game that highlighted *Service Above Self* and the *4 Way Test*, lip balm giveaways with the Rotary logo and website information, and Rotary branded door prizes. We identified some potential members.
- **Event Outcomes:** Over 1600 people attended, as well as 75 vendors. The vendors gave positive reviews and confirmed their intent to return next year. We had many local sponsors whose contributions covered most expenses, allowing all proceeds to go to our community and global service projects.



Needless to say, there will be a second annual Great Bear Festival on August 4, 2018!

Rotaract Club News

Missoula Rotaract Bangura Project

The Rotaract and Rotary clubs of Missoula have created a partnership with the Freetown Sunset Rotary Club to further the efforts of The Bangura Project in Sierra Leone. The Bangura Project is a Non-Profit Organization founded by a Rotaractor in Missoula, Usifu Bangura. The Bangura project initially focuses on community development in the Kambia District of Sierra Leone but it aims to expand its efforts to communities throughout the country. Usifu has been in Sierra Leone for the past 3 months establishing a strong foundation for the project by registering it with the Sierra Leonean government and distributing needs assessments to village leaders. In this visit, Usifu will also distribute Water Hippo Rollers and water filters to the village of Malbobo in order to relieve villagers of their water access hardships and help solve their water sanitation issues. Usifu will continue his stay until early 2018 in order to foster relationships with the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Freetown while also opening doors of support from other aid organizations. For more information about The Bangura Project please visit our [website](#).



District 5390 News

The Faces of Rotary: Dr. Diane Duin

Diane Duin lives up to her last name: She's always "doin'" something. She came to Billings 11 years ago to direct the Health Administration program at Montana State University – Billings. In a short time, she was named Interim Dean of the College of Health Professions and a short time after that, MSU-B took the "Interim" off the title. This summer, in addition to her duties as Dean of this multi-faceted college, she has been named interim dean of the College of Business.

In an effort to personalize what we share as Rotarians, each month Big Sky Rotary News will feature a Rotarian nominated by another Rotarian as a remarkable representative of Rotary. This month's nomination comes from Sarah Brockel of the Billings club. If you have a nomination, contact BSRN editor [Mary Moe](#).

Healthcare and business? "There are a lot of synergies between business and the health profession," Diane observed, "so it makes sense." If being the dean of two major college divisions seems a heavy load, you won't hear her complain about it.

Diane has been especially busy in the past two years developing a new curriculum that allows registered nurses who have associate degrees to take 49 credits of coursework, much of it online, to complete the BSN degree. That degree is much in demand in the healthcare settings of the 21st century and is an excellent career move for individual nurses.



How does such a busy woman have time for Rotary? "When you're in this kind of role, how do you not have time for Rotary? I spend all my time in two circles – higher education and healthcare. It's so good to go to Rotary and sit with people from so many other sectors, hear their stories, and focus on what you share. You get a different perspective that is so valuable."

Clubs Are Reminded to Pay Their First Half Dues

Invoices have been mailed and emailed to all clubs with the first half FY2018 dues notice. Dues and assessments were calculated on the total of the active members of your club. District by-laws require payment be made within 30 days of invoice; please pay timely. Second half dues will be emailed and mailed in January 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Mike Mayott](#), District Treasurer or call him at (406) 690-7012.

Rotary International News

RI Nominating Committee Responds to Untimely Death

With the untimely death of President-elect Sam F. Owori in July, Rotary International's Nominating Committee snapped into action. The Committee has named Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, as its selection for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. Rassin will be declared president-elect on September 1 if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach. "Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards, for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

To complete the succession planning, Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2019-20. He will be declared the president-nominee on October 1 if no challenging candidates have been suggested. A Rotarian since 1980, Maloney has served as an RI director; trustee and vice chair of The Rotary Foundation; president's aide; zone coordinator; and a leader on the Future Vision and 2014 Sydney Convention Committees.



Barry Rassin

RI President Elect



Mark Daniel Maloney

*RI President Elect
Nominee*

*September is
Basic Education and Literacy Month*

Finishing the Fight Against Polio

In June, at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, global leaders pledged \$1.2 billion of the estimated \$1.5 billion required to end polio. The United Kingdom stepped up to the challenge, recently pledging \$130 million to eradicate polio. The contribution will help fund immunizations of 45 million children a year through 2020.

Rotary is improving its online giving platform over several phases. The first phase, now complete, allows donors to make easy, efficient, and secure financial contributions at endpolio.org. Donors can also make contributions using tablets and smartphones. They will continue to sign in to My Rotary to track their cumulative giving. Watch for more enhancements that will appear on Rotary.org this year.

Saving newborns in Brazil

Using a global grant, the Rotary Clubs of Registro, São Paulo, Brazil, and Nakatsugawa, Japan, worked together to bring needed equipment to the neonatal intensive care unit at Dr. Leopoldo Bevilacqua Regional Hospital, a state-run facility in Brazil's Ribeira Valley. Read about this grant [here](#).

Gearing up for the 2018 Rotary Convention

Rotary President **Ian Riseley** invites you to join him at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto, where you will find inspiration around every corner. Enjoy world-class speakers, connect with other Rotarians, find inspiration for your next project, and take in all that Toronto has to offer. Register by 15 December to take advantage of the early-registration discount.

Consider organizing a breakout session at the Toronto convention. Breakout sessions can inspire attendees, and help them polish their leadership skills and get new ideas for projects, fundraising, strengthening membership, and more. October 1 is the deadline for submitting a proposal online.



The Rotarian's The 4-Way Test
of the things we think, say, or do:

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Are You Finding it a Challenge to Engage New Members?

This month, consider using these resources to orient new Rotarians:

[Rotary Basics](#) is a comprehensive guide to all things Rotary. It covers everything from how Rotary began to how to get the most out of membership.

[Connect for Good](#) shows members how to get involved in Rotary in ways that match their interests. This guide will help new and established members get more out of their Rotary experience.

Use the links above to download these resources free of charge, or buy them on shop.rotary.org. They're included in the [New Member Welcome Kit](#) and sold separately.

Find more tips for welcoming new members in [Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide](#). And go to rotary.org/membership for other membership resources.



From the Editors

We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Big Sky Rotary News*. If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve your newsletter, please let us know! We appreciate all the Club and District Officers who have taken the time to submit articles to us.

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